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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, AF
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR DUBS' PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY

REF: STATE 166596

1. ACTING DCM WOODWARD CALLED ON MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MONDOZAI SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 2, TO INQUIRE CONCERNING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY.

2. MONDOZAI SAID THAT THE PROTOCOL RULES CONCERNING PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF CREDENCE ARE PRESENTLY UNDER REVISION BUT SHOULD BE FINISHED BY THE TIME AMBASSADOR DUBS ARRIVES IN KABUL. IN MEANTIME, HE PROVIDED TENTATIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL.

3. CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN PRIME MINISTER TARAKI'S OFFICE AT PEOPLE'S HOURSE. UP TO THREE DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS FROM EMBASSY MAY ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR TO CEREMONY. (WE SUGGEST CHOICE OF ACCOMPANYING OFFICERS BE LEFT UNTIL AMBASSADOR ARRIVES.) NO FORMAL STATEMENT IS MADE, BUT THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT SHORT WRITTEN STATEMENTS MAY BE EXCHANGED. THIS WILL BE KNOWN WHEN PROTOCOL DOCUMENT FINALIZED AS PER PARA 2, ABOVE. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, WE ARE DRAFTING A SUGGESTED WRITTEN STATEMENT AND WILL CABLE IT TO YOU BY JULY 5.

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4. APPROPRIATE DRESS IS DARK BUSINESS SUIT WITHOUT MEDALS.

5. WOODWARD MENTIONED THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS AMBASSADOR DUBS MAY ARRIVE KABUL ABOUT JULY 10 (PARA 4, STATE 166228) AND, IF SO, ASKED IF PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO PRIME MINISTER TARAKI COULD BE MADE PRIOR TO VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM.

MONDOZAI SAID THAT IF THIS ARISES, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO SEE
THAT IT COULD BE DONE.
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